GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5158
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2008
ALLOTMENT OF FOREST- LAND TO TRIBALS
Agarwal Shri Dhirendra;Dhanaraju Dr. K.;Vasava Shri Mansukhbhai D.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal regarding allotment of forest-land to the tribal people, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the date on which such proposals were received from the States;

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon and the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the number of the tribal people who has been allotted forest-land so far alongwith the purpose for which the land has been allotted?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The Union Government has not received any proposal regarding allotment of forest land specifically to tribal people. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has come into force on 31st December, 2007. The responsibility for recognition and vesting of forest rights over forest land under occupation of the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers rests with the State/U.T. Governments.

(d) The State/U.T. Governments are still in the process of implementing the provisions of the Act. So far no information from the State/U.T. Governments has been received regarding the vesting of the rights of tribal and other traditional forest dwellers.